

HQT and Social Studies Teachers

Social studies licensure includes the following Core Academic Subjects: civics and government, economics, history, geography.

Fully licensed junior high/middle school social studies teachers who have passed the appropriate NTE specialty area exam or PRAXIS II exam are Highly Qualified for middle school social studies.

Fully licensed high school social studies teachers who have passed the appropriate NTE specialty area exam or PRAXIS II exam are Highly Qualified for the social studies Core Academic Subject (CAS).

In addition, fully licensed social studies teachers can verify HQ status when they have:

- Earned a bachelor's degree or completed at least 24 college credit hours in social studies (globally assessed in any of the social studies CAS areas- economics, civics and government, history, or geography); OR
- Earned a master's degree or Ph.D. in the one of the social studies CAS areas; OR
- Earned National Board Certification in social studies; OR
- Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE rubric by the end of the 2006-07 school year (for veteran teachers only); OR
- Earned HQ status in social studies while in another state.

Note that teachers can only teach what their license certifies them to teach.

Consult the Assignment Code to determine whether your licensure is appropriate for your teaching assignment.